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MCHM at Huntington.docx

News as of this afternoon:

· West Virginia American water company has lifted the drinking water use restrictions in more pressure zones this morning, advising customers that they can use water for all purposes after flushing their plumbing systems. WVAVC reports that more than 51,000 customers (more than 50% of their approx. 100,000 customers, and far more than half of the 300,000 persons served by the system) can now use their water for all purposes.

· We have received some reports from ORSANCO's ODS (organics detection system) sampling in the Elk and Ohio rivers. The chart attached shows MCHM concentrations at Huntington, WV, at Ohio River mile 304 (note that these concentrations are reported as parts per billion, or ppb). ORSANCO reports that the leading edge of the plume was detected at 9:00 pm on January 14th at Meldahl Locks and Dam, at Ohio river mile 436.

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